

SATURDAY NIGHT 'SYMPHONIA' TO AID RED CROSS

"Symphonia," the second in the series of Fort Benning's own original midnight musical creations, will be given at the Main Theater on Saturday night at 11:30 p. m. for the benefit of the Red Cross Fund campaign.

Featuring the famed 43-piece band of the Parachute School, every member of which is a qualified paratrooper, the show will resemble in format the January presentation, "Music at Midnight," which played twice to capacity audiences.

"Symphonia," however, will be an entirely new and different production leaning toward the lighter classics in the modern manner that has been adopted by the Parachute School band since its growth under the guidance of Master Sgt. Joseph (Duke) Rotundi, one of Benning's most outstanding musicians.

FREE ADMISSION
Admission will be free to all military personnel and their guests. However, all voluntary contributions to the post's 1945 Red Cross drive will be readily received by the theater's "wishing well" which is situated in the lobby.

According to Sgt. E. Barry Stummer, post special agent in charge, who is producing the musical series, "Symphonia" will range from Bach to Boogie Woogie. Several songs from Sigmund Romberg's immortal "Desert Song" will be featured.

BAND REAL STYLISH
Although there will be several soloist performers of note, the real headlines in "Symphonia" are Rotundi and his 43-piece band, an extremely talented military band that resembles a semi-symphonic group.

The present band grew from an 11-piece dance and military band formed at TFS almost two years ago by Rotundi, who formerly was leader of the 17th Infantry Band at Fort Benning.

CONCERT PIANIST
Rotundi himself is an accomplished concert pianist, and has studied at the Orenstein School of Music as well as under August Weiler, concert pianist and conductor of the Pennsylvania Philharmonic Symphony.

One of the features of "Symphonia" will occur when Maestro Rotundi steps down from the podium, lays aside his baton, and renders a piano solo with the band, featuring background accompaniment.

HELENE WITLIN
Vocalist of the Saturday "night owl" special will be "Helelene Witlin," the diminutive blonde singer, who made such a hit in "Music at Midnight" and Corp. Jackie Mausser, who sings regularly with the Jump Band and is noted for his light classical singing.

Helene and Jackie will also sing several duets during the hour-long musical revue.

NEW MUSIC
Narrator of the entire proceedings will once again be Pvt. David "Duke" Rotundi, who is more commonly known as "Mr. Music of Fort Benning." Even is a nationally known authority on the music of the 19th century.

Introductory remarks for "Symphonia" will be made by other members of TFS. St. Sgt. George S. Marriot who has an announcement with both the Muzak and World Broadcasting Systems.

Lt. Col. Jordan Heads Exchange

Lt. Col. Lawton D. Jordan arrived at Fort Benning Tuesday to assume charge of the extensive Post Exchange activities, succeeding Lt. Col. William A. Munroe, who has left for an overseas assignment.

The new PX chief recently completed a temporary assignment at Camp Wheeler, Ga., where he was also in charge of post exchanges.

Volunteering immediately after Pearl Harbor, Col. Jordan was sent to the Army Exchange School at Fort Meade, Md., in January, 1942. Following his graduation and commission as a major, he did research work at Washington, D. C. for about a month.

AT CAMP DAVIS
Three months service as an assistant exchange officer followed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and he was sent to Camp Davis as an acting exchange officer.

Colonel Jordan received his promotion to lieutenant colonel while acting as executive officer at Camp Davis before his inactivation last fall. The temporary PX chief worked at Washington, D. C. followed the Camp Davis tour of duty.

The new exchange officer was president of the General Seating Company in Charlotte, N. C. See JORDAN, Page 7

Prof Artists Capture Many Contest Prizes

By SGT. WALTER MILLER
Now on their way to Atlanta and possibly to national fame are the winning entries in the Fort Benning arts contest which have just been announced by a committee of distinguished Columbus and Phenix City artists-judges.

Top honors in the best display of art talent the post has ever seen have been conferred on soldiers and WAC's of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, who submitted more than half of all the entries and captured 14 of the 22 prizes, including five first places. Service Command artists have earned six awards while The Parachute School has won two first prizes.

MEDALS TO WINNERS
Medals will be presented to the winners at an appropriate ceremony as soon as they "are struck off and inscribed," according to Lt. Ithling L. Carlsdon, post arts and crafts officer. Their prize works will compete in Atlanta for the right to represent the Fourth Service command in the national Army arts contest to be held in June in the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

Judgement of the winning works, which were on display until yesterday at Service Club number one, required hours of careful comparison of 36 paintings, drawings, photographs and busts submitted by artists of all ages and backgrounds. Many well-known commercial and fine artists competed, entries.

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Alarm Clocks On Sale At Post? Unbelievable, But It Was True

A limited supply of electric alarm clocks for personnel in a dither the past few days and soldiers and civilians beat a steady path to the main Post Exchange door in quest of the modern morning get-up-ers.

The electric alarm clocks were the first shipment received by the Post Exchange, Captain George Kelly, acting exchange officer, reported, since manufacture was permitted by the War Production Board.

RECEIVE 300
Less than 300 were received so far in distribution and time-saves were on a first come, first served basis. About 30 clocks were placed on sale daily.

In order to distribute the supply evenly, Captain Kelly instituted a plan whereby military personnel alone could purchase the clocks on a statement of necessity.

WRIST WATCHES
Within the next few days a small supply of wrist watches retailing in the PX at slightly more than \$40 will be placed on sale. GIs who require watches must obtain statements from their commanding officers and present them at the main PX for purchase.

Several Schick "Colonel" electric razors will also be put on sale at the Regional Hospital and Lawson Field exchange with letters from commanding officers aiding the purchasing.



THE PARACHUTE SCHOOL BAND, with 43 members all of whom are qualified paratroopers, will be featured on Saturday night at 11:30 p. m. at the Main Theater in

"Symphonia" when they play for the benefit of the Red Cross Campaign. Shown above are the woodwinds (left), and the brass section (right) warming up for their concert appearance, while in the inset is Master Sergeant Duke Rotundi, concert pianist and leader of the band. (Photography by Pfc. Phil Charleston.)



These Soldiers Really Know!

Academic Combat Veterans Urge Support of Red Cross Campaign

Firmly convinced by their own overseas experience that doughboys "behind barbed wire, in hospitals or back of the lines for a rest" need the help of the Red Cross, five combat veterans of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, have written and distributed a dramatic leaflet calling on their fellow soldiers for generous support of the Red Cross during its 1945 war fund drive.

"I have only one pleasant memory of my eight months behind barbed wire in a prisoner of war camp—at least once a week we got packages of food, candy and cigarettes from the Red Cross," Corporal Thomas A. Joshua wrote in the lead-off statement. Joshua was captured in North Africa and later escaped to the Allied lines in Italy.

"Right after combat a guy wants first to sleep and then to clean up—the sleeping, I took care of myself but the cleaning up would have been difficult without the help of the Red Cross," added Staff Sergeant Howard R. Vincent.

"I didn't have much equipment left after the battle of Buna, so the Red Cross gave me a complete new kit of toilet articles."

"The nicest service center I ever saw was the one in Naples run by the Red Cross," wrote Technical Sergeant Kenneth Huskey, while Red Cross work in an Army hospital in New Guinea was described by Private First Class Elliot Rowen.

Further testimony from a prisoner of war camp was offered by "Technical" Sergeant Gerald W. Snead, who quoted "from a card I got from a buddy of mine who was captured when we were at

Anzio. He says the one thing he looks forward to, besides mail, is the Red Cross package which arrives regularly."

"What's it all add up to?" the leaflet asks in conclusion. "Just this... there are thousands of our buddies behind barbed wire, in hospitals or coming out of the lines for a rest. We want them to have all the help that the Red Cross can give them. But the Red Cross in turn must rely on our contributions and our membership... your dollar and mine. So don't forget to contribute generously to the Red Cross war fund!"

The leaflet was illustrated and stenciled by WAC Sergeant Zelma Dobbin and published under the direction of WAC Lieutenant Esther Weeks, regimental representative who the Red Cross National War Fund drive.

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EVERY GRAD
Under the new plan, every future graduate of the class will have gone through three months of study of Infantry weapons, tactics and other military subjects. The course will be four weeks shorter than that given officers candidates, but in exchange, it will cover the same subjects which are given the candidates.

The course will not contain a "weeding out" process, as no man may be separated from the program without prior approval of the Commanding General, Fort Benning.

THIRD CUARTEL
The pre-cadets will be housed in the third cuartel, an area formerly occupied by the 4th Infantry Division.

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Special Course For Pre-Cadets Planned By TIS

Future West Point Men Will Receive Infantry Training

To give future United States Military Academy cadets a thorough background in the Infantry, a special three-months course is being established at The Infantry School for the class which will enter West Point on July 1, it was announced at The Infantry School.

The cadets—approximately 620 in number—are now attending U. S. Military Academy Preparatory courses at Amherst and Lafayette colleges and Cornell University.

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Need Some Kisses? Get All You Want At PX—Candy Kind

Do you want to satisfy that "sweet tooth" and perhaps send home some candy, too? Rush right over to the nearest post exchange branch and take along as many packages of molasses kisses and assorted lozenges as you can reasonably use. There's no limit on 'em!

The reason for the candy bonanza? Somewhere along the infinite lines of priorities, allotments and supply channels, Fort Benning's post exchange warehouses were illegally "swamped" with the two forms of candy packages.

Prices have been reduced and equal two-to-a-pyphese limits were removed in order to lure the candy-loving to buy as many packages as they pleased. The PX Grocery which formerly didn't stock candy, blossomed forth with a huge table laden with the candy at the reduced prices, 15 cents for the toffee and 12 cents for the kisses.

Captain George Kelly, the acting post exchange officer, communicated with nearby Army posts to keep the candy stocks rolling into the hands of the GI candy lovers all over Southwestern Georgia.

Capt. Rudnick New Billeting Officer
Designation of Capt. Ralph P. Rudnick as post biling officer has been announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander. Capt. Rudnick succeeds Capt. John W. Myers who has left for an overseas assignment.

Capt. Rudnick came to Fort Benning from the University of Alabama, where he was in charge of the GI candy drive in the A. S. T. P. for military personnel.

He was named as post bus transportation officer since his arrival at the post several weeks ago. He has revised and consolidated bus routings covering the entire reservation following a prolonged study.

Post Personnel Open Hearts To Red Cross Fund

Drive Launched Yesterday Lasts Through March 19

Fort Benning personnel are opening their hearts and pockets this week to the American Red Cross War Fund Drive as the post opens the campaign to benefit the "Greatest Mother of Them All."

All installations at the post have been organized to provide for the receipt of donations from soldiers, officers, and civilian personnel during the drive which was launched yesterday and will continue through March 19.

An added impetus to the drive will be the allocation of receipts from the Army motion picture theaters at the post on 11 March 1945, the date "God Is My Co-Pilot" is scheduled for the Main Theater and other good features are slated for other theaters on the post.

MOVIE PROCEEDS
Regular admission charges will be made for the movies but all of the proceeds will be turned over to the post's War Fund chest to benefit the Red Cross.

As Fort Benning's current drive is a national effort, scores of stories from returned veterans have been disseminated throughout the country praising the work of the Red Cross overseas. These stories, channeled through the public relations offices, are expected to stimulate contributions throughout the country to contribute to the Red Cross attain its goal of \$200,000,000.

NO SOLICITATION
Receipt contributions is being handled by all of the major installations and the units under them. Although soldiers are not being solicited to contribute to the campaign, it is expected that this year, as last, the GIs will roll in dimes and dollars to benefit the organization which has meant so much to troops overseas as well as in this country.

At Fort Benning, alone, last year, more than \$100,000 was received. See POST, Page 7



NURSES LIKE CYCLING: Lt. Era McIntosh (left) and Capt. Edythe Turner take off for a spin in the country and real relaxation from their arduous duties.

Recognize This? Nurses Obtain Recreation By Bicycling and Bowling

By LIEUT. ROSALIND ROULSTON
There are times when being a nurse is a grim business, when the hours are long and hard and a nurse finds herself running a track from patient to patient through hours of painstaking work.

These are also times when being a nurse means good companionship in recreation that re-creates the sort of smiling spirit that keeps a cheerful, happy nurse a blessing to her patients.

These are the times when you'll see a group of nurses taking off on their bicycles for a few hours' ride along the highways and byways of Fort Benning!

Bicycling is the most popular sport among the women at Fort Benning who wear the Calceus of the Army's Medical Department. With the soft breezes of Spring bringing more and longer pleasant days to the land bordered by the Chattahoochee and the Upatoi, almost daily a group of nurses roll their bicycles out from the stables, underneath their quarters and sometimes carrying picnic supper baskets they pedal off to an evening of ozone gathering and muscle stretching.

DISCHARGE BUTTON—Representatives of the Army, Navy and Veterans Administration have decided to retain the discharge button now given to all honorably discharged veterans of the present war. It is available either as a lapel button or with a pin-back. The veteran is issued his button free of charge upon his discharge. If the button is lost or destroyed, another may be obtained at cost (only seven cents) by the vet on presentation of his discharge papers to the Quartermaster Supply Officer at the nearest post, camp, or station.

Take a good look at the above insignia, so that next time you see a young man walking around in snappy civies, make sure he isn't wearing a discharge button before you start thinking harsh things about him!

Aids In "The Story of GI Joe"

TIS Instructor Back From Hollywood, Ernie Pyle Film's Technical Advisor

Capt. Milton M. Thornton, instructor of The Infantry School who went to Hollywood almost a year ago to be technical advisor on the Ernie Pyle picture, "The Story of G. I. Joe," returned to Fort Benning this week.

The motion picture, based on Pyle's columns and books which he wrote during and between campaigns in the European theater of operations. Thornton, who was virtually unknown until America entered the war, is now in the Pacific area.

"The picture is Infantry all the way through," Captain Thornton stated. "No effort is made to glorify the Doughboy. He just plows through the mud, fights hard and plugs away. Pyle is in the background, but he hasn't much to say. Burgess Meredith plays the part of the columnist exactly as he is—quiet, unassuming, but keenly alert to the part the Infantryman is playing in winning the war."

NOT YET RELEASED
Captain Thornton said that the film will probably not be released for several months. It is undergoing review by the War Department and final cutting. Present plans call for simultaneous world premieres in two theaters—the two theaters operations. Afterward, it will open in theaters throughout the Nation.

Holder of the Silver Star for gallantry in action, Captain Thornton fought with the First Infantry Division in North Africa.

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Capt. Thornton

He had joined the Third Infantry Division after leaving the Officer Candidate Course of The Infantry School, but was transferred to the First Division.

Besides the injuries he received during the war, he has received several decorations and awards.

Five Bus Routes Now Cover Entire Post

Three For Main Post, One To HC, Sand Hill

By CORP GEORGE W. SCHULTZ

Revision and consolidation of the intra-post bus system has produced five routes this week to completely cover the post, it has been announced by Captain Ralph P. Rudnick, post bus transportation officer.

Post Headquarters will be responsible for the operation of four of the routes, while The Infantry School will continue to operate the Harmony Church runs.

The Central Post bus is a new run effected from studies of the temporary trial run of various routes on the Main Post.

A Quarters Area bus will completely cover the residential area of the post, linking them with the PX Grocery, Commissary and other installations on the Main Post.

The Hospital-Frying Pan area route serves personnel of the Parachute School and the Regional Hospital and is the most heavily used route under the new revision.

A run to cover Sand Hill area also is operated by the Post Motor Pool and is subject to additional revision as the needs for this service arise.

The Infantry School will operate the Harmony Church runs formerly, with half-hourly schedules in both directions from Harmony Church to the Main Post.

The revised schedules as announced by Captain Rudnick follow:

CENTRAL POST RUN

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and the Main Post up to the Regional Hospital.

The buses will operate every half hour daily except Sunday mornings. They will leave the Regional Hospital every 10 and 40 minutes after the hour starting at 0810 and continuing through 2340. From the Frying Pan Area buses will leave every 20 and 55 minutes after the hour starting at 0825 and continuing through 2325.

The daily schedule will cover the following streets:

From the Regional Hospital via Blatzel, Wold, past the Infantry School, Main Theater and bus station to Dispensary "A", continuing over Anderson street to QM Laundry No. 2, through the Reception Center to the Frying Pan through 2325.

SAND HILL ROUTE

The route to the Sand Hill area will operate hourly, leaving the Main Post in front of The Infantry School at 1700 and continuing through 2400.

On Saturday mornings the buses will leave the hospital at 0910, 1010 and 1110 and depart from the Frying Pan at 0940, 1040 and 1140.

HARMONY CHURCH ROUTE

The buses connecting the Main Post with installations in Harmony Church will operate hourly daily except Sunday, leaving the Infantry School every 15 and 45 minutes after the hour and the same times on the reverse routes, one running clockwise and the other counter-clockwise. The first bus starts at 0615 and continues through 0945. On Sundays the schedule operates hourly starting at 0715 and continuing through 2015.

The routes cover all of the Harmony Church area to the former Fourth Infantry area and Prisoner of War Camp through Third Student Training Regiment, Second Student Training Regiment, Officer Candidate Reception Unit, Branch Weapons Section and Harmony Church unit of the Regional Hospital.

2d PTR Holds Quiz Programs

Personnel of the Second Parachute Training Regiment in the Alabama Area is getting an opportunity to test "I. Q.'s" during special programs arranged by Service Club No. 71, patterned after leading quiz programs on the radio networks.

The quiz programs are conducted each Wednesday night under the direction of Staff Sergeant Cal Getter, who acts as master of ceremonies and who compiles the questions fired at the "guests" selected for the evening. This week's program followed the radio "Take It or Leave It" plan. Cigarettes are given as prizes to the winners of various divisions in the program. Greater interest and rivalry is aroused by Sergeant Getter in dividing those taking part into two teams composed of jumpers and non-jumpers.

Record-Breaking Polio Contribution Hailed By Chairman Of Foundation

The record-breaking contribution of \$18,882.27 by Fort Benning to the March of Dimes campaign is reaping warm praise for the generosity of the military and civilian personnel contributors.

Basil O'Connor, President of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, New York, heralded the "marvelous cooperation" of Fort Benning personnel in the campaign.

WRITES GENERAL

In a letter to Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, the post commander, Mr. O'Connor hailed the soldiers' and civilians' gifts by expressing "my sincere appreciation for their individual support to the work of the National Foundation."

Salerno Beachhead Veteran Serves At Benning As MP

A veteran of the Salerno beachhead invasion, Technician Fourth Grade Edward J. Dwyer of Fort Jervis, N. Y., has been assigned to the Military Police Detachment at Fort Benning, upon his return to this country.

Sergeant Dwyer is decorated with the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained when the supply ship he was helping to unload was bombed at Salerno.

Inducted into the Army on April 9, 1942, he began his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was then sent to Hudson Bay with a Port Battalion while he helped load ships with supplies for the air bases then under construction on islands in the North Atlantic. He remained there about five months and in January, 1943, left for North Africa.

LANDED AT ORAN

Landing at Oran, he remained there with a Port Battalion for about a month. His company was then put in charge of a port about 150 miles away. They handled the administrative work of the port and the assault boats to LCTs and from them to the beach. For seven days they made trip after trip back and forth from ship to shore one wave of supply boats after another reached the port.

On the seventh day of constant bombing and strafing by the Germans, a medical officer remarked that he hadn't heard of Sgt. Dwyer's outfit as they had suffered no casualties. Shortly thereafter, as they were unloading ammunition and bombs from a Liberty ship, another wave of German planes came over. They scored a direct hit on the ship, tearing out one side, and throwing Sgt. Dwyer up in the air. Sustaining a back injury and a cut over his eye, he was taken to a hospital ship laying off shore and then to North Africa where he remained in a hospital for 20 days.

PRAISES RED CROSS

He returned to Salerno and two days later moved to Naples where his outfit took over the port. They

were bombed every night for three months, sometimes twice in one night.

Sgt. Dwyer praised the Red Cross for their work. "They had four or five story buildings," he stated. "The Red Cross workers were a woman who had been a nurse of Poland before the war and had been a prisoner of war in Italy. She spoke eight languages and taught those fellows who were interested how to speak them. She also told us a great deal about Italy."

TRIP TO CAPRI

One of the bright spots in his overseas service was a trip to the Isle of Capri which was given to all men of his outfit who had been wounded. They visited the points of interest and were able to watch an air raid on Naples with the flash of all the anti-aircraft guns giving it a real Fourth of July appearance. He also visited Mt. Vesuvius on a Red Cross sponsored trip.

Leaving Naples on March 28, 1944, he returned to Oran and rode to Casablanca in a 40 & 6 bus. He arrived in the United States in April and has been assigned to various camps previous to his present station.

Columbus Soldier At Post After 32 Months Overseas

After 32 months in the South Pacific, Cpl. Louis F. Cramer of Columbus, Ga., has been assigned to the Military Police Detachment at Fort Benning under the Army's rotation plan.

Inducted March 29, 1941, he took his basic training at Fort Benning and was then assigned to the 1st Engineers, also at Fort Benning, for eleven months.

He was then transferred to a Military Police Training Battalion at Fort Jackson, S. C., after three months' training he was sent to India in May, 1942, and remained there until December, 1944.

He landed in the United States on December 26, and following a 21-day furlough, was sent to a Reassignment Center.

He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with one bronze star, the American Defense ribbon and the Good Conduct ribbon.

Chapel Plaque Presentation This Sunday

At a memorial service in the Main Post Chapel immediately following the 10:30 morning service on Sunday, March 4th, Major General Fred L. Walker, Commandant of The Infantry School, will present on behalf of the faculty and students of the school a marble plaque commemorating one of Fort Benning's beloved sons.

Given in loving tribute to Maj. Gen. Stonewall Jackson by his wife, Dorothy, the plaque will be accepted by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning, and will be permanently placed in the Post Chapel.

General Jackson was stationed at Fort Benning several times during his military career. He was a student in the Company Officers' Class in 1924 and returned as an instructor from 1929 to 1934.

PLANE ACCIDENT

No descendant of the Confederate leader, but the son of a cavalry officer who served under Robert E. Lee's great general, General Jackson was commanding a division in the Third Army, Louisiana, at the time of the airplane accident which brought his career to a close.

The inscription on the memorial plaque reads: "Stonewall Jackson, Major General, Commanding 84th Infantry Division, Died Of Injuries In Airplane Accident October 13, 1943, Camp Polk, Louisiana."

DEDICATORY PRAYER

The ceremony will begin with an invocation by Chaplain Frederick W. Helfer after which the plaque will be presented and accepted by Post Chaplain Paul S. Buckles will say the dedicatory prayer, and following the playing of "Taps" a benediction will conclude the brief yet inspiring memorial service for a leader who gave generously and unflinchingly of his great military abilities to the cause of his country.

A permanent committee has been authorized to consider requests for the placing of memorial plaques in the Post Chapel.

RC's 2nd Company Wins Mess Award

The Second Company in the Reception Center was given the distinction of having the best mess operated by Service force troops in Fort Benning when it was awarded the "E" flag for superior rating in January, it was announced this week by Col. John E. Edgerly, commanding officer of the Reception Center.

In a letter of commendation to Capt. Newell C. Griffin, company commander, Colonel Edgerly stated that the rating received by the Second Company was the highest given any mess of the Reception Center during the food service program. The letter commends Captain Griffin, Lt. Robert L. Deverall, the company mess officer, and Cpl. Charles Newman, acting mess sergeant, "for their diligence and attention to duty."

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, stated in a letter of commendation to Colonel Edgerly that "The distinction of having won the 'E' flag is a high honor and exemplifies the high competitive spirit shown by this mess in winning this award."

Maj. Gen Walker To Speak Friday On CBS Tribute To Infantry Hero

A hero of the Infantry, symbolizing all Infantrymen, will be introduced to the American public this week through a song, "The Ballad of Roger Young," which was written by Pfc. Frank Loesser, who composed "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." "What Do You Do In The Infantry?" and other popular songs.

Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of The Infantry School, will speak on the Stage Door Canteen radio program over coast-to-coast Columbia. Broadcasting System hook-up on Friday night between 10:45 and 11 p. m. The ballad will receive its public introduction on the program which will be dedicated to the Infantry, and General Walker will speak on the role of the Infantry in war.

MEDAL OF HONOR

Roger Young, an Ohioan, was a rifleman in the 37th Infantry Division, and was killed on July 3, 1943, on New Georgia island. His heroism won a posthumous Medal of Honor. His exploits in battle are said to have been no more daring than those of any other Medal of Honor winner; but Young was chosen because of his unassuming manner, he seemed to represent the average Infantryman whose lot is hard and whose glory is slight. The number of Infantry Medal of Honor winners far exceeds

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ENTERTAINMENT

New USO Show Makes Hit, Plays Main Post Friday

"Right About Rhythm" opened with a rousing Alabama Pachelbel on Tuesday night and appears to be one of the breeziest USO-Camp Shows to hit the Benning boards in many a month.

Last night, the musical was at Theater No. 11 in the 3rd STR Area. Tonight, it will play No. 4 in the 2nd STR Area, while tomorrow night (Friday), the troupe will invade the main post for two performances at the Main Theater at 7 and 9 p. m.

FRINGING PAN-
Saturday night the musical will play the 'big top' in the Fringing Pan Area, and Monday the Broadway performers will wind up their week-long stay at the post with two shows at Theater No. 3 in the Parachute School area.

Of outstanding interest to Benning G. I. audiences are the Six Sweethearts, an all-girl dancing line with plenty of gaudy costumes in the footlights. They do a unique number called "Pop Eye" that really makes the G. I. boys pop.

GAY RECEIVERS
Also in the cast are Paul Williams and Co., "the gay de-

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An Army Wife Shops In Columbus
By Phyllis

Well-fitted footwear from the none too soon to start your spring shopping you'll do yourself proud. Miller-Taylor Shoe Company will help you stroll in the Easter Parade this year with a maximum of style and comfort. Especially good value is the moderately priced shoes by Rhythm Step, J. A. Kirven Company. This popular line is just one of the many offered by Columbus' quality shoe shop. Other new spring styles boast of such brand-named names as I. Miller, Foreheim, Rise O'Neill, Joyce and Penalo. Careful selection of the wide variety of sports, casual and dress shoes displayed by Miller-Taylor will assure you full sparkle to your costume. After you get the quality value in exchange for your precious shoe ration coupons, for the finest footwear shop nowhere else.

Having spent a good many months in Black 23, well-known to all military personnel stationed at Fort Benning, I can recommend the points and enamel offered by the SEARS ROEBUCK COMPANY as a means of definitely improving the badly run-down condition of all quarters in that area. I pushed a paint brush for many hours and can heartily recommend you to do the same. First of all an application of cotton gaudy suit by Nordis, in Kem-Tone for all the wiles; it dries, natural or soft aqua. We-tailored and lovely set of slacks, shorts and a sleeveless vest—green and cream tints. For the An out standing all-wool suit of- fered by this fashion show is simply perfect. It's made with a slight pleum on the apple, the extra durable floor, and the porch enamel. It works wonders, suit jacket and the rosy-red dicky. And to do the job properly use two complements the soft grey of the or three of the better quality paint brushes with hairbrush bristles. And few of the many unusual styles and shades, offered by Kayser-Lilien-

Recent arrivals at Fort Benning are fast discovering MAURICE'S PHOTO STUDIO, in the Main Theater building. This concern is a rather recent arrival, but it is daily proving its ability to produce just about the finest photographic work available. Practically brand-new babies are not the best camera subjects in the world, but last week I chanced to see some perfectly adorable photos of a friend's baby taken at this up-and-coming studio. Whether you have a tiny tot, a husband or anyone, even town to have an appetizing lunch or a refreshing nap or shop for hats, cottons, tobacco and the like. Easter, that all-important event, is exactly a month hence, so it's Studio today.

When to Go To the USO

Free telephone calls home are the prizes listed for a bingo party tonight at the Broadway Salvation Army USO. If you feel lucky here's your opportunity to win that long distance call.

Tomorrow night the Third Avenue USO will be the scene of an informal party and dance with Army Wives and junior hostesses on deck to while away those lonely hours. Another party will follow Saturday night at the same club if you've got the urge to make it two in a row. Broadway USO will have a feature movie with "Henry Aldrich for President" on Friday, too.

The Cotillion Club will be the hostesses for a special party at the Eleventh Street Club Friday night. Many of Columbus' prettiest "debs" are included in the hostess group, so take your pick.

Eleventh Street USO will sponsor an informal dance in the patio if the weather permits, otherwise activities will be shifted to the second floor of the club. The 221st AGF Dance Band will provide the music.

Sundays are busy days for all of the clubs with a full round of activities designed to make the USOs "your home away from home." Third Avenue USO has arranged a special program, "The Gabbers," with a vaudeville group, followed by that popular fellowship Sunday evening sup- per. A discussion group, "The Gabbers," will hold forth with an in- formal pow wow on "Child Delinquency." Officer Can- didate Edward Daus will lead the group.

Tuesday evening will be given over to an informal dance at the Eleventh Street USO with the 221st AGF Dance Band picking over more popular tunes from their repertoire.

A bridge party and "Open House" will be held Wednesday night at the Third Avenue USO. Drop over and let the Army Wives entertain you for a night with bridge, dancing, games, and so forth.

One beer will often, Awoman soften. But, She's eminently able. To drink you up the table. If she doesn't wait to soften ... which is often.

The Movie Week

THURSDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.
Nos. 2 & 3: FRISCO SAL with Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey.
Nos. 4 & 5: A SONG TO REMEMBER with Paul Muni and Merle Oberon.
No. 6: A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN with Joan Blondell and Dorothy McGuire.
No. 10: HERE COME THE CO-EDS with Abbott and Costello.
Nos. 11 & 12: OBJECTIVE BURMA with Errol Flynn and Henry Hull.

FRIDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.
Nos. 2 & 3: BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST with Lee Tracy and Nancy Kelly.
Nos. 4 & 5: A SONG TO REMEMBER with Paul Muni and Merle Oberon.
No. 6: PIN-UP GIRL with Betty Grable and Joe E. Brown.
No. 10: A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN with Joan Blondell and Dorothy McGuire.
Nos. 11 & 12: OBJECTIVE BURMA with Errol Flynn and Henry Hull.

SATURDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: THE CISCO KID RETURNS with Duncan Renaldo and Martha Gellara, also a GUY, A GAL AND A PAL with Lynn Merrick and Ross Hunter.
Nos. 2 & 3: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.
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Nos. 11 & 12: HERE COME THE CO-EDS with Abbott and Costello.

SUNDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.
Nos. 2 & 3: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.
Nos. 4 & 5: BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST with Lee Tracy and Nancy Kelly.
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MONDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.
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TUESDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: THE GREAT FLAMARION with Erich von Stroheim and Mary Hughes.
Nos. 2 & 3: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.
Nos. 4 & 5: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.
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WEDNESDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: NOTHING BUT TROUBLE with Laurel and Hardy.
Nos. 2 & 3: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.
Nos. 4 & 5: THE CISCO KID RETURNS with Duncan Renaldo and Martha Gellara, also a GUY, A GAL AND A PAL with Lynn Merrick and Ross Hunter.
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Candidate Sam Browne Toured Combat Area With Maurice Evans

Candidate Samuel Browne of The Infantry School's 27th Company, Third Student Training Regiment, has spent the past three years touring war torn areas to bring joy to the hearts of American fighting men.

Many of us have not experienced the hardships of combat and may not be able to visualize the amount of happiness an entertainer can bring to the front, but the members of the 27th Company can testify that Candidate Browne is "tops" in entertainment.

WITH EVANS
A short time ago his troupe returned from their last three months tour. During this most recent tour he participated in more than 90 shows and visited over 15 islands. The troupe was under the command of Maj. Maurice Evans, one time famous Shakespearean Actor on Broadway. Many times their show flew to areas only a few days after they had been occupied, bringing their talent as close to the front as possible to afford the soldiers a short respite from their daily fighting.

For a considerable time Candidate Browne had his own radio program in Honolulu, which was the home station of the Special Service Organization to which he was attached. The novel thing about his program was the fact that he played nothing but his own compositions. After many programs people wrote in to find out more about the soldier entertainer, Sam Browne. To date he has over 80 songs to his credit, mostly about the everyday events in military life; however, he has a large variety of tunes along popular lines.

SONG WRITER
He has appeared on programs with many famous personalities. During the Sixth War Loan Drive he appeared on the same program with Artie Shaw, the famous band leader. His favorite memory concerns the time he won a \$100 War Bond when his own composition "Don't You Buy A Bond" was played on the air for the first time. After he sang the song over the radio, listeners phoned the studio and purchased over \$50,000 in War Bonds.

During his tour he has been many places where our fighting men have made history, including Pearl Harbor and the Solomon Islands.

The members of the 27th Company are looking forward to many hours of enjoyable entertainment, and he has already earned the title "One Man Show." His future looks bright in the field of entertainment in post-war years.

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FORT BENNING RADIO SHOWS
THE INFANTRY HALL OF FAME: 10:05 to 10:10 a. m. Monday and Wednesday, WRBL.
LISTEN IT'S FORT BENNING: 2:00 to 2:30 p. m. Saturday from Main Theater Stage, WRBL.
WOMEN AT WAR: 5:00 to 5:15 p. m. Tuesday, WDAK.
FT. BENNING ON THE AIR: 6:00 to 6:15 p. m. Monday through Friday, WRBL.
SERVICE CLUB OF THE AIR: 6:00 to 6:30 p. m. Saturday from Service Club No. 1, WDAK.
PARACHUTE SCHOOL ON PARADE: 7:30 to 7:45 p. m. Tuesday, WDAK.
BOOTS AND WINGS: 7:30 to 8:00 p. m. Thursday from Service Club No. 7, WDAK.
SONGS OF THE SOUL: 8:30 to 8:55 p. m. Thursday from Service Club No. 1, WRBL.
SPORTCASTING: 6:45 to 1:00 p. m. Staff Sgt. Carl Neu reviews Ft. Benning sports, WDAK.
DANCE TIME: 11:45 to midnight Friday from Service Club No. 7, WDAK.

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K. P. Sergeant can't take a little time off and rest a bit. My head is spinning around and around, and it seems like the ceiling is coming down on me.
Sgt. Here, take this rag and wipe the dust from the rafters when they get near enough.

G. I. Theater

BY SGT. BARRY STURMER
The Hawaiian lads from the 3rd STR have formed a musical group which is going over big everywhere they perform. They render both native and popular American melodies.

The 267th AGF Band pulled in this week. They were last stationed at Ft. Monitrie and from all advance reports they have a very "solid" outfit. . . welcome to Benning, boys!

The TJS WAC's did a show at Victory Lodge this past Tuesday. A lot of fine talent was unearthed by Cpl. Tommy Wells who is now scouting for the Post Special Services Office. Incidentally, the aforementioned office is planning on sending out small tableaus consisting of five or six performers to play Service Clubs, Rec. Halls, Hospitals and Bivouac Areas. The first of these troupes (all G. I. talent) entitled "Blowin' Our Own Horn," should be ready to hit the boards in a few weeks. Phone your scribe (2163) for bookings.

Discovery of the week . . .
Captain Richard E. Tokey, the P. R. O. boss, plays a hot sax and clarinet.
An Open Letter To My Brother G. I.'s.
Dear Joe: So you don't happen to like the picture or show that's going on . . . then why in the blazes don't you pick up your carcass and take off for the beer garden, soda shoppe or your bar-bulling bum gags and lousing up the show in general when the guy next to you might be trying to enjoy himself?
From me to you, in apades, brother.
Barry.

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Proceeds of 'Forty-Niner' Party Will Aid Purchase of Iron Lung

When officers and their guests play for playing bingo or monte sale at the "Forty-Niner" party to be held at the Polo Hunt Club on Friday night, March 2nd, they'll be helping to pay for an "iron lung" which Fort Benning's Army Daughters are planning to buy for the Main Hospital.

The old-time gambling party being given by this group of energetic, enthusiastic young women is another of the many entertainments they've sponsored in order to raise money for such worthwhile projects as the continuous support of the Maternity Ward at the Main Hospital. The bills for medicines and drugs, layettes and instruments are sent directly to them and they meet their obligations by sponsoring a variety of fund-raising activities.

An organization at Fort Benning that's doing outstanding work of a nature beneficial to all personnel of the Post, this small group of energetic young women who are daughters of regular Army officers are a branch of the old and honored national organization known as Daughters of the United States Army which has its headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Among the projects undertaken and "carried through by Army Daughters at Fort Benning is the maintenance of the Thrift Shop located in the line of shops on the south side of Doughboy Stadium. Mrs. Walter Scott Fulton and Mrs. James Tarr manage the shop.

There are approximately 15 Army Daughters active in the organization here. As means of increasing their ability to contribute to worthy charities, they hostess bingo parties at the Main Post Officers' Club every Sunday evening, they sponsor such parties as the one to be held Friday at the Polo Hunt Club beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening, and they stage plays such as the recent Broadway success "Love From A Stranger" which they're scheduled for local production in April.

Casting try-outs for the play will be held on Sunday afternoon and Tuesday evening in the Children's School Auditorium. Thirty of the best seats in the house will be sold to organizations who will have reserved them for hospitalized soldiers selected to attend the performance by the Red Cross.

Besides their own work of supporting the Maternity Ward at the Main Hospital, the Army Daughters contribute as a unit to many national charities. Every month \$10 goes from their treasurer to the Red Cross for the Hospital Recreation Fund. They help send Girl and Boy Scouts to summer camps, and occasionally contribute to the support of the nursery school.

Officers of the organization are Mrs. James Tarr, president, daughter of Colonel Clifford Kershaw; Mrs. Julian Ewell, treasurer, daughter of Major General Alvin Gilliam; and Miss Mary Hobson, secretary, daughter of Brigadier General William H. Hobson, Commanding General of Fort Benning.

Novel Stunt In 3d Composite Aids Red Cross

There's no question about it, the 3d Composite Squadron at Lawton Field, a base of the 1 Troop Carrier Command, is "on the ball." More than a month before the present drive began, the "eager" members of this organization were contributing their spare pennies, nickels and dimes to one of the most benevolent organizations in the world, YOUR American Red Cross.

A bazaar-like game of chance concocted by two squadron cooks makes the giving not only painless, but also great sport. Placed on a table just inside the squadron mess hall and by which the choice line must pass, the game is a continuous temptation to all who enter.

With naught but a gallon jar, a wine glass, a bottle top, Sergeant John B. Taylor and Charles Wenger went to work. The wine glass was placed inside the gallon jar. Next placed inside the jar was a bottle cap, containing a slot through which only pennies, nickels and dimes can enter.

The trick is to drop a coin through both the slot and gallon of water and into the wine glass at the bottom of the jar. If the coin misses the wine glass, it falls to the bottom of the jar and is later collected and added to the 3d Composite Red Cross donation.

If the coin happens to fall into the wine glass, the "dropper" is given five times the amount he so skillfully dropped. For example, a penny neatly placed inside the wine glass nets a nickel in return; a nickel returns a quarter, and a dime pays the "jackpot" limit, 50c.

"With the help of our 'water hazard,'" states 1st-Sgt. Harry Gill, "we of the 3d Composite Squadron expect to contribute quite a sum to the 1945 Red Cross Campaign."

"Of course," asserted Sgt. Gill, "the members of the 3d are signing up and contributing larger sums than those placed in water game. The great share of our Red Cross donations will be collected in the same manner as at other base installations at Lawton Field. The wine glass attraction is just a means of acquiring a portion of the small change we all carry around in our pockets but which, ordinarily, we would mistakenly consider too small an amount to contribute. It really works, too. Besides offering fine chow for diversion for squadron personnel, the jar has contributed quite a sum already. I should know; I've lost more pennies in that darned thing!"

Some of the experiences of a clerk of court in Las Vegas, Nevada, the town of divorces and marriages, will be described over Radio Station WRBL tonight at 8:00 o'clock over "Second Army Shorts," weekly program of the Special Services Office of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army.

Sgt. Mort Granas, Second Army Announcer, will interview Cpl. Johnson W. Lloyd, of Fourth Headquarters, who in civilian life handled thousands of divorce and marriage cases as clerk of Las Vegas. Many movie stars and nationally known personages appeared before Lloyd for licenses or separation papers.

Lloyd will also tell about his experiences as a boxer, when he won the Golden Gloves championship of Nevada in the 124 lb. class, and as an inspector of explosives in the Nevada mining country. At one time Lloyd was young elected public official in the country.

"Second Army Shorts" is a regular Thursday night feature on the "Fort Benning on the Air" programs over WRBL each night at 8:00.

Members of the famed Reception Center Chorus sang in a special concert at Miles College, Birmingham, Ala., over the weekend.

The concert was the first appearance of the all-Negro chorus since its history making War Bond tour last November and December which covered more than 4,000 miles and was credited with the sale of more than ten million dollars in war bonds.

Sgt. Willis Brown directed the group in the Sunday evening concert.



CAPT. FAGAN ... On Tour For Red Cross

TIS Combat Vet On Tour To Aid Red Cross Drive

Capt. H. James Fagan, of Newbern, Ala., now an instructor in the Weapons Section of the Infantry School, is touring the Southeastern States, under the sponsorship of the Southeast Regional Branch of the American Red Cross, in an effort to help increase contributions during the current Red Cross Drive.

Captain Fagan, who served with the 18th Infantry, of the famous 1st Division, will tell what the Red Cross does for the individual serviceman, based on personal experiences in Great Britain, North Africa, and Sicily.

The tour began February 22, opening in Knoxville, Tenn., and is for a 10-day period, covering principal cities throughout the Southeast.

RADIO ANNOUNCER Captain Fagan, a graduate of the University of Alabama, was a radio announcer in Philadelphia and Chicago before entering the service in 1935.

He wears the Silver Star, for gallantry in action; the Purple Heart, for wounds received in Sicily; the Combat Infantryman's Badge, awarded for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy; and the Distinguished Unit Badge with two Oak Leaf Clusters, for having served with a unit that has been commended by the President for outstanding performance while in action.

TAKEN PRISONER He was taken prisoner by the Germans in a counterattack on Hill 523 during the Mateur, Tunisia offensive. He was taken to Tunis and loaded on a ship for transportation to a German Prisoner of War camp. On the second day out the ship was spotted and attacked by Allied planes.

After the eighth attack the ship started sinking and the captain beached and abandoned it. After seven more attacks, Captain Fagan and several other officers made their way to shore in time to welcome the British Eighth Army into Tunisia, and then to rejoin their own outfit.

A government farm investigator, conducting a survey, asked a veteran farmer what time he got up to go to work.

"Young man," replied the old codger, "I don't have to go to work. I wake up surrounded by it."

Early to bed, and early to rise. And your best gal goes out with other GIs.

Brig. Gen. William G. Walker joined in the "Fort Benning on the Air" radio program Monday evening at 6 p. m. EWT over station WRBL.

General Walker told something of the work his men are doing and reported the result of the School Troops command inspection of Sunday afternoon, February 18th. The inspection was witnessed by Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, Commanding General of the Replacement and School Command, Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of TIS, Brig. Gen. C. H. Weems, Assistant Commandant TIS, and Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Post Commander.

The General was joined on the air by three of his detachment commanders, Col. John S. Moore, Commanding Officer of Infantry Training Detachment No. 2, Lt. Col. Robert C. Hamlet, C. O. of Infantry Training Detachment No. 1, and the Commanding Officer of the Motor Pool Detachment, Lt. Col. Ralph E. Alexander.

Many a plea for a furlough is sound—just sound.

Famed Chorus Begins Fourth Year On Radio

Celebrating its third anniversary, the Reception Center Chorus will make its broadcast tonight from Service Club No. 4 instead of from Service Club No. 1.

The chorus, now nationally famous for the quality of its work, has been presenting weekly broadcasts over WRBL for three years and will begin its fourth year on the air with the broadcast tonight from 8:30 to 8:55 p. m. (EWT) or 7:30 to 7:55 p. m. (CWT).

With installation of a new line to carry the broadcast from Service Club No. 4, the Chorus will sing its Thursday night show from there each first and third Thursday and from Service Club No. 1 on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Col. John P. Edgerly, commanding officer of the Reception Center, announced today.

"All-Jump" Band Renders Classics

A diversified program of the lighter classics and popular music was presented at the Eleventh Street U. S. O. last Sunday afternoon when the 35-piece "All-Jump" Band of The Parachute School broadcast over the original Army hour.

The band, composed of qualified jumpers, was under the direction of Master Sergeant Joseph E. (Duke) Rotundi.

Included on the program was "The Overture Minute" from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," "The Desert Song," Dvorak's "New World Symphony," and "Finlandia."

Corporal Jack Maussner did the vocals on "The Desert Song" and Cpl. Charles McKown did the narration for the program.

3,000 OFFICERS A YEAR NEED OF NAVY IN PEACE
ANNAPOLIS, Md. (ALNS)—In order to provide the 3,000 new officers that the Navy expects to need when the war is over, in order to maintain its expected post-war establishment, it is planned to enlarge the Naval Academy here to graduate 1,500 of them annually. It is proposed to procure the other 1,500 annually through the Navy R. O. T. C. program in the colleges and universities.

WAS A LIEUTENANT RE-OPS AS PRIVATE
FT. MCLELLAN, Ala. (ALNS)—Harold E. Braucher is taking his second try at the Army. Trained at McClellan in 1944, he went to OSC and was commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga., was mustered out of service in December, 1943. Then in October, 1944, he asked his draft board to send him back to service, so he is again at McClellan, starting in where he did before, as a buck private.



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The TOPCOAT.....\$85
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Gets His Bird Again—

Sgt. B. De Febrio, Veterinary Corps, has been at Fort Benning since 1921 and has shot his wild turkey every year since then.

This year the end of the season was coming up swiftly on the calendar and it began to look as though the mighty hunter would spoil his perfect record. He went out whenever he had a spare evening—but no luck!

But Monday he came in with his bird—a huge 25 pounder, one of the largest he had ever seen in all his years of hunting. He shot it near Harvey's Pond on the Reservation, he reported. Final day of hunting is today, March 1.

Wac Team Wins Tilt From Columbus Rivals

By SGT. WALTER MILLER

With the upper hand on the defensive, and player-coach Marge Fischlin on her biggest scoring spree of the year, the WACademic courtstars of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School rang up a thrilling 45-38 win over the Columbus women's All-Stars in the opener of a three-game series at the Sports Arena Friday night.

Most spectacular feature of the contest was the handoffing suffered by Nadine Pyle, Eagle-Pheasant forward who had sensationally averaged 34 points per game all season in the city loop. With six-foot Mary Brooks sticking to her like glue, Pyle was forced to

try long and overhead shots, finding the basket for only six points!

For three periods Ruby Preston, Olga Husa and Brooks kept the All-Stars mostly outside the circle, where only Hilja Gibson, Muscogee standout, could launch true shots with regularity, sinking two baskets in each quarter. In the meantime a snappy short-passing, fast-breaking attack by Elizabeth Silauskas, Virginia Curry, Fischlin and Beniah Hall penetrated a weaker All-Star defense to put the WACs out in front 31-22 at the close of the third stanza.

PIVOT PLAYS

In the final quarters the All-Stars opened a furious pivot-play offensive, with Pyle at pivot and Ruby Guy and Gibson making the fast breaks for seven field goals, bolstered by two free throws. Fischlin and Silauskas countered the All-Star forwards in counterplay, their early lead to clinch the game with a respectable margin at 45-38.

Fischlin was the evening high-scorer with 26 points; Gibson led the All-Stars with 10. The WACademics as usual were weak in

WACademics Top Lawson Hospital Girls

Out-starred on the offensive but saved by their superior height and defensive coordination, the WACademic hoopers of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School squeezed out a 37-16 win over the Lawson General Hospital sextet at the Harmony Church Sports Arena Sunday afternoon.

Throughout the game guards Mary Brooks, Olga Husa and Ruby Preston forced the Lawson General to rely mostly on long shots which, however, began to find the rim regularly in the final period, when the visitors scored nine points. While the General's offensive mounted in fury the WACademics declined, and they were literally saved by the final whistle.

Sturdy E. Cook of the General was the outstanding player of the day, sinking three of her four field goals from near center court and converting one free shot for a total of nine tallies. WACademic player-coach Marge Fischlin led her sextet's scoring with seven points.

The hairbreadth victory kept the WACademics slate clean in the service team department, in which they have won four stars against as many opponents.

The box score:

WACademics	Pos.	FG	F	Total
Silauskas	F	6	11	12
Husa	F	2	4	4
Curry	F	2	4	4
Brooks	F	2	4	4
Hall	F	2	4	4
Gibson	F	2	4	4
Preston	F	2	4	4
Fischlin	F	2	4	4
Brooks	F	2	4	4
Drake	F	2	4	4
Totals		26	44	37

Lawson General

Pos.	FG	F	Total
Barron	1	2	2
Cook	3	6	6
Decker	1	2	2
Burnette	1	2	2
Wright	1	2	2
Harold	1	2	2
Botter	1	2	2
Totals	10	20	16

WACademics 11; Lawson General 16.

Officials: Merrill and Alderson.



One of the immortals of the Golden Age of Sports, Babe Ruth, recently celebrated his 51st birthday.

An entire ten-pound cake. The Bambino, who scored his record of 60 homers in 1927, celebrated his birthday with a

crab pie. The Cuban stars have threatened to play ball in Mexico this year, rather than enter the U. S.

Two real Big Leagueers, Dixie Walker and Slat Marion, have returned from Cuba where they played the outfield on M-G. Claire Chennault's football team on which the general himself is the pitcher.

Golden Era participants, who grab flies, only to drop 'em to salute the pitcher. . . . Wonder how they like the world's indoor mile track record of 4:06.4, set by Boston's own Gil Dadds, will hold? The five-mile race is now a regular in Los Angeles, and he'll put things on a praying basis. . . .

Yale, undefeated last season, is now a regular in the schedule next fall, with every contest a major one, and Princeton as the main attraction. The 1st all-star game grid schedule next fall, with every contest a major one, and Princeton as the main attraction.

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THIS SNIPER QUINTET representing Infantry Training Detachment No. 2 of the School Troops is seeking the second half title in the hot Post League race. Left to right, discussing their chances against the Demons tonight are: Johnny Ghiglieri, Lee Lodge, Jim Homer, Tom Klein, and Dino Ghillotti. (Signal Lab Photo by Pfc. Phil Charleston.)

Snipers Face Demons at HC Tonight In 1st Place Tilt

With four ball clubs still definitely in the running for the second-half laurels in the Post League's red-hot race, the title picture is expected to be considerably clarified in the next few days.

Tonight, for instance, in the feature clash at the Sports Arena at 7:30 p. m., the two unbeaten School Troops will collide head-on. The ITD No. 2 Snipers will rate as slight favorites, but the ITD No. 1 Demons are giving no advantage and it should be a thriller-diller.

Then tomorrow night at the post gym, the other two contenders will meet when 2nd Army opposes the Parachute School Troops. The Demons have been going great guns lately, but they have not yet faced any league club quite as tough as the Troopers. That game will start at 7:30 p. m.

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Troopers Seeking State Open Crown Battle Lawson Medics In Semi-final Battle

By PFC. PAT BROWNE

The Parachute School quintet is pointing for the Georgia State basketball championship tonight when they tangle with Lawson General Hospital Medical Technicians at Atlanta's Chester Street Sports Arena.

The Army Service Forces Officers meet Lawson General Hospital in the other semi-final game in the Fifth Annual State Open Tournament and the winners of these two games will lock horns in the championship contest Sunday afternoon.

Victors over Finney General Hospital from Thomasville to the tune of 62 to 45 last Sunday afternoon in the first round of tournament play, the Troopers are primed to take Lawson Medics into camp and roll on to the final.

The Airborne squad has shown steady improvement throughout the season and comes to the tournament's semi-finals in peak condition. Bounding a season record of 30 wins against 6 defeats, Gunther, Leath, Tate and company stand an even chance of bringing the State championship home to the Parachute School.

But at this writing, the figure of Lieutenant Ralph Hamilton, former Indiana University star and present high scoring ace for the ASF Officers, looms forbiddingly between the Troopers and the State Championship.

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COULBY GUNTHER ... tops TPS attack

WAC Chickadees Bow to Tuskegee Bloomer Girls!

The Chickadee basketball team, composed of WACs in WAC Detachment section number 11, lost a hard-played game to Tuskegee Bloomer Girls Saturday night at Harmony Church Sports Arena by a score of 20 to 13.

It was the second time this season that the servicewomen had met the Bloomer Girls. It was also the second time that they had been defeated by the Tuskegee women, all of whom are instructors at the Tuskegee Institute.

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PTR Renames Parade Ground, Honors Heroic Trooper Officer

The Second Parachute Training Segment parade ground has been given a new name—"Cole Field"—in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Robert G. Cole, an heroic paratrooper officer who died in action. Lieutenant Colonel Cole, a battalion commander in a Parachute Infantry Regiment, was killed in action in Holland 18 September 1944.

WOODEN MARKER
The wooden marker designating the field in his name was erected recently and, in addition to the information giving the date of his death, the inscription reads: "Near Carantien, France, June 11, 1944, he personally led his battalion on a bayonet charge after it had been pinned down by German fire for more than an hour."

The Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to Lieutenant Colonel Cole for "gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty on 11 June 1944 in France."

The language of the General

Order granting the award continues: "Colonel Cole was personally leading his battalion in forcing the last of four bridges on the road to Carantien when his entire unit was suddenly pinned to the ground by intense and withering enemy rifle, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire placed upon them from well prepared and heavily fortified positions within 150 yards of their foremost elements."

"After the devastating and unceasing enemy fire had for over an hour prevented any move and caused numerous casualties, Colonel Cole, observing this almost hopeless situation, courageously issued orders to assault the enemy positions with fixed bayonets."

"With utter disregard for his own safety and completely ignoring the enemy fire, he arose to his feet in front of his battalion and with drawn pistol shouted to his

men to follow him in the assault. Catching up a fallen man's rifle and bayonet, he charged on and led the remnants of his battalion across the bullet-swept open ground and into the enemy positions."

His heroic and valiant action in so inspiring his men resulted in the complete establishment of our bridgehead across the Douve River. The cool fearlessness, personal bravery and outstanding leadership displayed by Colonel Cole reflects great credit on himself and are worthy of the highest praise in the military service."

Colonel Cole was a member of the Second Parachute Training Regiment when it honored Lieutenant Colonel Cole in renaming the field located near Carantien headquarters where thousands of paratroopers have participated in full-dress parades prior to shipping overseas.

Book-Reviewer Speaks To Club Women Monday

Mrs. Robert B. Church, book reviewer for Davison-Paxon's in Atlanta, will review the book "Great Son" by Edna Ferber, at the general meeting of the Fort Benning Women's Club, to be held Monday, March 5, at 2:30 p. m. in the Main Lounge of the Fort Benning Officers' Club. The will be served following the lecture.

Mrs. Church is well-known in literary circles, having served as chairman of literature for the Atlanta Federation of Women's Clubs. She has also been a member of the Board of the League of Women Voters and the Board of the YWCA. She is a member of the Atlanta Writers' Club and the Shakespearean Club. She has been connected with book reviewing for several years.



MRS. ROBERT CHURCH
... speaks here Monday

WAC Officer Clayton Named 1st Lieutenant

The promotion of WAC Officer Ella L. Clayton to First Lieutenant was announced this week by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander.

Lieutenant Clayton, who is a native of Miami, Fla., is Medical administrative officer for the Reception Center dispensary. She came to Ft. Benning in September of 1943 and as one of the first colored WAC officers here, she assisted in the activation of the WAC Detachment section number 11 and for seven months was mess officer for that organization.

The 10 best years of a woman's life are between 28 and 30.

OCs Give WACs Voice In Plans For Gala Party

Departing from the usual set pattern followed by most OC classes, officer candidates of the 29th Company, 3rd STB, The Infantry School, decided that if WACs were to be guests at their Company party they should be given a voice in deciding the kind of a party that was held.

So, the company Honor Committee, with representatives from WACs of Station Complement and Detachments Number 1 and 2 planned jointly the show and dance held Tuesday, February 27, at Victory Lodge.

Most OC companies in the past have themselves planned all the details of their dances and then have asked the various WAC detachments to supply the dancing partners.

For this party a joint entertainment program was arranged with most of the singers being recruited from the WAC ranks. The OCs provided the "comedians." Lt. Lt. Jean W. Donaghy, commanding officer of WAC Detachment Number 1, was the mistress of ceremonies.

At the suggestion of the WAC members of the committee, the out-standing 98th AGP orchestra was secured for providing music.

A novel method of invitation was devised. Each WAC received an "order" transferring her "in grade" for the evening to the show and dance at Victory Lodge.

Lieutenant Donaghy, T-5 Betty Wheeler and T-5 Mabel Turner worked in conjunction with the 29th Company Honor Committee to make every possible preparation to assure the enjoyable evening that was had by all the WACs and OCs that attended the affair.

Twelve Academics Receive Promotion

The only sewing job that soldiers never gripe about—sewing on new chevrons—became the pleasant task of 12 men of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, who were each promoted this week to the next highest grade.

Top honors went to Sergeant Frederick J. Angles, supply sergeant of D Company, now a first-three grader with the rank of staff sergeant. Other promotions were: To Technician Fourth Grade: Technicians Fifth Grade Joseph F.

Sullivan, William J. Borovun, Hoyt F. Box, William H. Courter, Jr., Richard D. Keplinger and Gilbert Short.

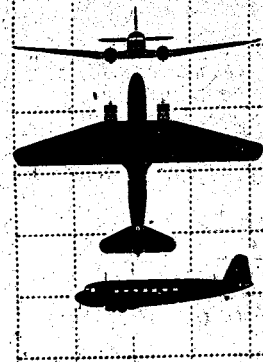
To Corporal: Private First Class Constantine H. Kleibbauch.

To Technician Fifth Grade: Privates First Class George Melmer, Conrad S. Bratten, Robert M. Jones and Archel A. Andrews.

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Post Red Cross Trains Directors For Overseas

Famed as the home of The Infantry School and The Parachute School, Fort Benning is also the site of the oldest training school for American Red Cross field directors within the Fourth Service Command.

This unheralded school has been turning out an average of five Red Cross assistant field directors a month for some time now. The majority of its graduates are serving overseas to aid the battle-weary and the homesick soldiers on the fighting fronts.

Volunteers for Red Cross field directors first make applications through their local chapters and are accepted at National headquarters of ARC at Washington.

ORIENTATION
The aspiring field directors then undergo two weeks or so in Washington of intensified orientation of American Red Cross and its many services to the nation's fighting men and their families.

Putting theory into actual practice, though, is the part of the job reserved for Fort Benning's specialized school. Here the men observe actual cases for their first week and then act as assistant field directors for the balance of the time under the watchful eye of Kenneth W. Thomas of Kennett Square, Pa., who is the main instructor in charge of the school for Murray Hill, Fort Benning's ARC field director.

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American Red Cross therefore come into a practical use for the director-trainees as they handle several emergency cases for soldiers on the post while they learn. Upon completion of the short course, the trainees are dispatched back to Washington for assignments. Thomas and then dispatched back to Washington for assignments. Several graduates of the school have remained here at Ft. Benning in the past however.

Assistant field directors have the option of foreign or domestic service and those who are physically qualified usually "burn the wires" to Washington, pleading for overseas duty.

200 GRADS
The first class graduated from the unique school in January 1942, and more than 200 men since then have completed the course. The school was closed for several months in 1943 until more volunteers joined the ARC.

Not only men are students at Fort Benning's Red Cross "Institute," as scores of women have completed field training as staff assistants and other personnel executives under the tutelage of Mrs. Frances Hattaway, assistant field director for the Regional Hospital.

787th Tankmen Commended For Saving Soldier

For the prompt and skillful action in saving a fellow soldier's life, Staff Sergeant Earnie E. Davis, and Sergeant George T. Via, of the 787th Tank Battalion, formerly a unit of the Infantry School, were recently commended by Major General Fred L. Walker, Commandant of the School.

On January 12, 1945, at Ft. Benning, during the course of a reconnaissance test, a tank platoon was ordered to overrun the position of an infantry force which was dug in on a sandy ridge.

During this maneuver an enlisted man was completely buried in a foxhole which had been caved by a tank. This man was in immediate danger of suffocation in the hard packed sand. When Sergeants Davis and Via commenced to administer artificial respiration. At the end of fifteen minutes, the soldier's breathing was restored.

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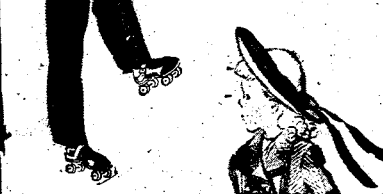
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Burma Jungle at Night Black as a Coal Mine

"At night those Burma jungles are as black as a coal mine. You can't see your hand in front of your face."

—Comparing the darkness of night in the jungle to a coal mine, Pvt. Colin Haddow, of the 2nd Infantry Training Company, Detachment No. 2, School Troops of The Infantry School, knows what he is talking about.

Haddow, and several of the other volunteers knew until they reached India.

What followed for the volunteers produced one of the great combat stories of World War II. Haddow, who was older than the average member of the combat unit, is now 37. He is over six feet tall, gray haired, but chunky, weighs around 200 pounds. He answers questions in matter-of-fact tones, without affectation or exaggeration. What he can tell of Burma is reiterated by hundreds of other veterans from Burma and other theatres involving jungle warfare.

"That scene in the movie of the men trapped on top of the mountain reminds me of a two-week period near Myittha when my battalion, 'B-Battalion', was surrounded by Japanese," he recalled. "We were on the top of a mountain and there was no escape route open. The Japs out-numbered us more than three to one. We were really getting worried. The Japs pounded us with artillery from all sides. A and C Battalions were only twenty miles away, but it took them two weeks to reach us—that was how thick the jungles were. They had to cut their way nearly every inch. When the reinforcements arrived, the Japs melted back into the jungle."

HIT-AND-RUN

Harassing the Japanese with hit-and-run tactics was part of the main objective of Merrill's Marauders. Through jungles so thick that the unit had to cut

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Lieut. O'Neill Heads Personal Affairs Branch

First Lieutenant Alfred W. O'Neill has been appointed as chief of the Personal Affairs Branch of the 3d STR.

He succeeds Major George Fink, who recently was placed on the inactive reserve list.

The lieutenant has served as an assistant to Major Fink since the creation of the Personal Affairs branch more than a year ago.

WORKED IN ORIENT

A native of San Francisco, Lieutenant O'Neill was educated at the University of San Francisco. He was employed by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in his home city and traveled extensively for the firm both in this country and in the Orient.

Attending Administrative Officer Candidate School at the University of Florida at Gainesville, Fla., he was commissioned on May 5, 1943.

Sgt. Officer

He came to Fort Benning two weeks later and was named as assistant in charge of Service Club No. 1, the following month.

Last April Lieut. O'Neill was named as Army Emergency Relief Officer and has continued in that capacity.

RC Army Wives Attend Lecture

The Reception Center Army Wives Orientation Club met on Thursday, February 22 at 2:30 p. m. for their fourth lecture.

The series they are attending recently at the Hospitality House in the STU area.

This course of lectures is designed to help the wives of service men understand the problems of the returning soldier. At Thursday's meeting, Captain John W. Ince, chief of the Post Information and Education Branch, spoke on the subject of "Needs of Dependents." Chaplain Peter Spehr spoke the invocation.

Mrs. L. A. Scipio, wife of the acting First Sergeant of Hq. Co. at the Reception Center, is most enthusiastic about the work of the group which is organized to help contribute to the Red Cross and other charitable organizations as well as to learn how to handle problems affecting men in uniform. Chaplain Samuel Lewis of the Reception Center is helping to guide the work of the group.

Benning MP Served 32 Months in S. Pacific

After 32 months in the South Pacific, Sgt. John A. Rowland, of Fort Benning, was assigned to the Military Police Detachment at Fort Benning under the Army's rotation plan.

Sgt. Rowland was inducted into the Army in July 1941. Following his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., he was assigned to the 101st Military Police Battalion at Fort Dix, N. J., where he remained until he was sent overseas on March 1, 1942.

He was stationed in Australia from March 1942 until November 1943 when his unit was transferred to New Guinea. He landed on Angel Island last Christmas Day and received a 21 day furlough before going to a reassignment center.

Sgt. Rowland wears the Good Conduct ribbon, American Defense ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with one bronze star.

through a major portion, the men bucked, crawled, trudged, fought, thirsted starved, and fought nearly 300 miles from an India base to Myittha.

"Most of our movement was done in daylight," related Haddow. "Movement at night was so bold that we did so only when the Japs were close. The rules slowed us considerably, often stumbling off the trail and sprawling in mires. In order to get the mules back on their feet we had to remove the packs. The jungle was so dark that we had to hold on to each other's packs. As a precaution we tied our radium-dial compasses to the pack of the man in front to be used as guides in case we lost personal contact. We also used a rotten phosphorescent jungle wood."

BOOBY TRAPS

Carrying wounded was the greatest cause of delay, recalled Haddow. To retard the progress of pursuing Japanese, the ammunition and Pioneer units improvised booby traps out of 81 mm. mortar shells.

"Two men would stand until the last man passed and then string the trip wire across the trail. The delaying tactics saved us from being overtaken a number of times," Haddow said.

After a period of jungle combat from January until June 1944 subsisting almost entirely on K Rations which were dropped from airplanes, Haddow's outfit was evacuated from Myittha by air. Many men were victims of malaria or dysentery, and had lost an average of over 20 pounds in weight, according to Haddow. He himself had lost 40 pounds.

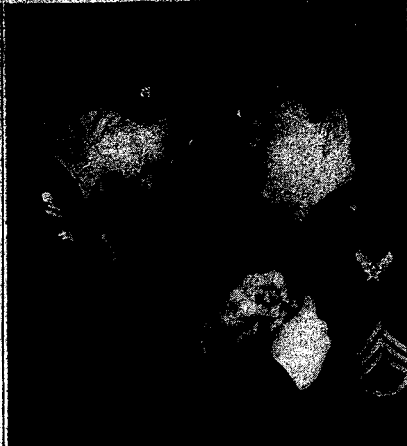
JAPS BACK UP

"Fighting was still going on when we left Myittha," recalled Haddow. The Chinese had the Japs backed against the Irrawaddy River defending the air strip.

The native Burmese, the Kachins and Ghurkas were great aids as scouts in jungle warfare. Born and bred in the jungle, they were indispensable in trail work and detecting evidence of presence of the enemy.

Haddow returned to the States last June by air from India, was assigned to the 4th Infantry, and later to his present assignment in 2nd Infantry Training Company, Detachment No. 2.

"It was a great feeling to return to the States," he said. "I hope all the boys are as fortunate as I was. I've heard that many of them are stationed at Fort Benning."



SGT. GANNON DECORATED AGAIN
... Col. Albert Does the Honors

Heroes of Air Combat Honored at Lawson Fd.

The sun struggled valiantly through an early morning mist at Lawson Field last Saturday as two flyers and three civilians who were presented an assortment of awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross, five Air Medals and 10 Oak Leaf Clusters at an impressive ceremony and review in which more than 200 officers and men of the 1st Troop Carrier Command took active participation.

Lt. Col. John E. Albert, Lawson Field Base Commander, bestowed the Air Medal upon Lt. Col. Milford F. Lu, Lawson Field Executive Officer; of Osage, Kan.; the Distinguished Flying Cross, upon S-Sgt. Quilla J. Stubbs, with three Oak Leaf Clusters each cluster indicating the award of an additional DFC; and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters upon S-Sgt. James F. Gannon, Lawson Field radio operator, of Sabina, Ohio; the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters upon Mrs. Rosa Gowan E. Woodcock, Route No. 2, Columbus, Ga., awarded posthumously to her son, S-Sgt. Erskine H. Woodcock, who is a prisoner of war; and the Air Medal upon Mrs. Lula D. Stubbs, Lumpkin, Ga., awarded to her in lieu of her son, S-Sgt. Erskine H. Stubbs, who is a prisoner of war.

WITZ CITATION

The citation accompanying the award to Col. Lu, who saw action in the Alaskan Theater, reads: "For extraordinary achievement... participated in attacks on enemy installations protected by anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighters... in the face of inclement flying weather and over long water distances."

Sgt. Gannon, according to the accompanying citation, received his awards for Troop Carrier Group missions performed "in unarmored, heavily loaded transport airplanes through the combat zones of Upper Assam, Burma, and southwest China, where enemy attack was probable and expected."

BOMBER MISSIONS

The citation accompanying the award to Mrs. Woodcock stated that her son, Sergeant Erskine H. Woodcock, had been cited "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in ten separate bomber combat missions and in accomplishing with distinction several aerial operational missions over enemy occupied continental Europe."

A portion of the citation accompanying the award received by

WAC GRADUATES

Pfc. Helen G. Starr of Atlanta, Ga., recently returned to Ft. Benning, Ga., following her graduation as a dental technician at the Wakenan General hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, it was announced this morning by Lieut. Vivian Corbett Polk, Commanding Officer of WAC detachment section number 2. Pfc. Starr is a graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta.

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Berlin-Born OC Traveled Much On Way To U.S.

Not many men in Infantry OCS have traveled as widely as OC William K. Berton, member of the first platoon of the 30th Company, Third Student Training Regiment, of The Infantry School.

He was born in Berlin 34 years ago. His experience and education since then have taken him to many different parts of the globe.

Berton started out in "Grundschule," or grammar school, in Berlin, and went on from there to "Realschule," which is equivalent to junior high school. He then attended high school for two years in the town of Epinal, France, in the province of Vosges. From there, he went to Italy, where he spent six months in school at Florence, after which he took a business course at Merano in Northern Italy.

HOTEL CLERK

Leaving school, he went to work as a reception clerk and interpreter at the famous Hotel Metropole in Rome, a well-known spot to all tourists visiting Italy. Here he welcomed guests from all parts of the world. His ability to speak English, French, Spanish, Italian, and German fluently made this job an easy one for Berton.

During his school vacation OC Berton had done a little traveling on his own, visiting Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Luxembourg.

In 1938, when Hitler, Chamberlain, Daladier, and Mussolini were arguing in Munich over the proposed German occupation of Czech land, and when a new World War seemed imminent, Berton left Europe and came to Cuba. He stayed in Cuba until late 1940, trying to obtain a visa to enter the United States.

ARRIVES IN U. S.

After two years of teaching Spanish to immigrants in Cuba, and working on a farm there, Berton finally got his chance to come to the United States. He made the trip from Havana to Miami in a Pan-American Clipper.

From Miami, Berton went to New York City, and then to a vocational school at La Crosse, Wis., and finally to Milwaukee, where he lived and worked until he entered the Army in July, 1944.

When in Italy, Candidate Berton caught a glimpse of Hitler and Mussolini together when Hitler came to Rome. He saw them just before they reviewed the Italian fleet in a big ceremony at Naples.

Berton plans to return to his old job as a maintenance mechanic with a large padlock firm in Milwaukee after the war.

The rookie reached the eye examination and was asked if he could read the last line which looked like this: "KLYSMUK." "Can you read that ok?" asked the medic.

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